

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Jean-Pierre Hermet et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 15, 2008 setting a one (1) month shortened statutory period for response which expired on October 15, 2008 and which has been extended three (3) months to January 15, 2009, amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.